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Curios and Relics
Furniture
Table
Commemorative

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

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706 E. Main
Carlinville, Illinois

Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne - Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

Would you be interested in purchasing a library table 47" by 28" in size depicting the main stages in the life of Abraham Lincoln?

This table is truly a beautiful example of inlayers art. It was in the process of construction six years - nothing but hand tools being employed.

There are approximately 16,000 pieces each $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick and twenty-two kinds of wood in this masterpiece. The wood comes from the United States, Africa, East India, Brazil and South America. Among the varieties found are Ebony, Peroba, Kingswood, Vernacular and Greenheart.

The scenes are Lincoln's Cabin, Birth - The Capitol of United States and Lincoln's Tomb. In the background are stars representing the

- 48 states and the bottom piece
has the red and white stripes
symbolical of the 13 original colonies.

If interested please send an
offer as to the price you will
allow - A picture of same will be
mailed upon request.

Respectfully

Estelle C. Hart.

Table

April 28, 1941

Estella E. Hart
706 East Main
Carlinville, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Thank you very much for calling to our attention the very beautiful table which you have but we are not primarily interested in curios here and would not know just what to do with such a table if we acquired one.

This Foundation is primarily a library and research bureau and although we have a few items of association interest, our chief task is to gather information about Mr. Lincoln.

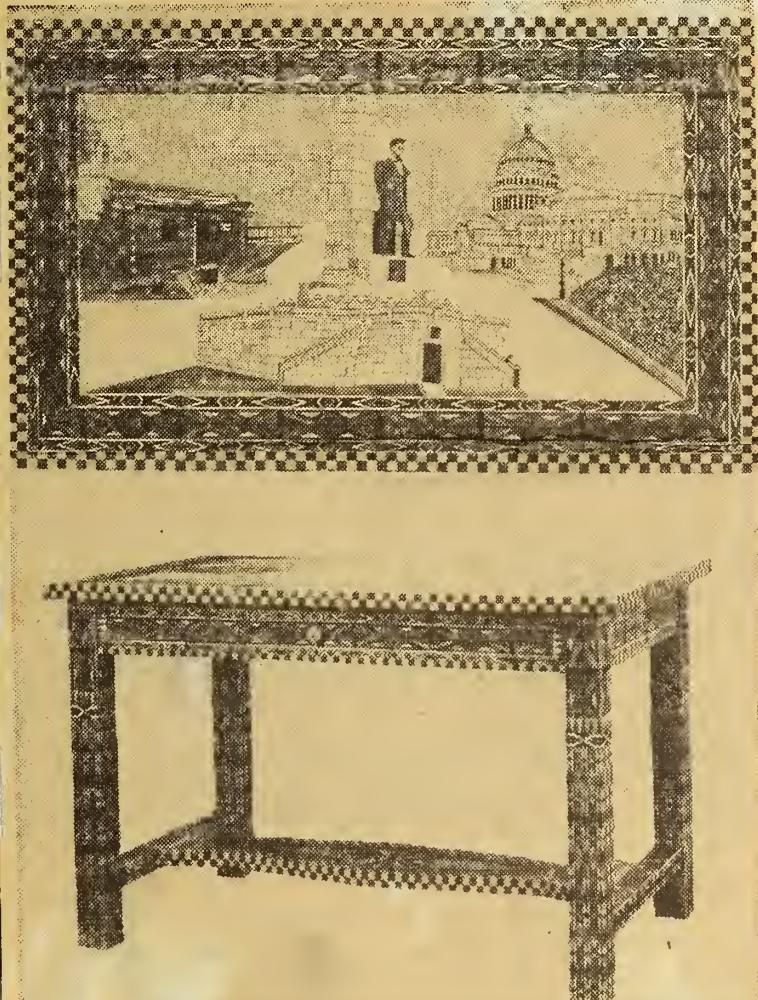
Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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TABLE HONORS LINCOLN



Being exhibited in the hobby show at the Illinois state fair-grounds is the inlaid table, shown above. It was constructed in the memory of Abraham Lincoln, by Jerome Borio, Sawyerville coal miner. Two views of the unusual masterpiece are shown.

It is built of over 15,000 pieces

of inlaid wood of a thickness of one-quarter of an inch. Twenty-three different kinds of wood, part of it native to this country and the rest imported from, Africa, South America and the

West Indies, are found in the table.

Mr. Borio spent more than six years building the unique piece of furniture which pictures the state house, the Lincoln tomb and Lincoln's log cabin.

